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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

John A. McPherson

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 25 February 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/083,057.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/25/04.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Double Patenting

1. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Claims 1 and 2 rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 2 of U.S. Patent No.

6,416,931. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other. Both the present invention and the patented invention are drawn to a photosensitive element comprising a support film, a layer on the support film, and a photosensitive resin composition layer containing a phosphor on the layer. The claims are different in that in the present invention the layer on the support film is a filler layer, while in the patented invention the layer on the support film is a thermoplastic resin layer, and furthermore in the present invention the photosensitive element is for a field emission panel, while in the patented invention the photosensitive element is not limited to any display panel. However, the filling layer is defined in the present specification as comprising a layer comprising a resin having thermoplastic properties

(page 18, line 33 to page 19, line 30), and the limitation "for a field emission display panel" of the present invention is a statement of intended use, which does not provide a patentable distinction over the photosensitive element of the patented invention. It would have been obvious to one skilled in the requisite art to utilize a thermoplastic resin as the filling material in the layer on the substrate in the present invention because the filling material is defined as a resin having thermoplastic properties, and the limitation on the intended use of the photosensitive element of the present invention does not provide a patentable distinction over the patented photosensitive element.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by EP 0 785 565 [reference AQ of the Information Disclosure Statement filed 2/25/04] (EP '565). EP '565 discloses a photosensitive element comprising a support film, a thermoplastic resin layer (corresponding to the filling layer of the present invention) on the support film, and a phosphor-containing photosensitive resin composition layer provided on the

thermoplastic resin layer, wherein the phosphor-containing photosensitive resin layer comprises a film property imparting polymer, a photopolymerizable unsaturated compound having an ethylenic unsaturated group, a photopolymerization initiator which produces a free radical, and a phosphor. See page 79, lines 3-13. The limitation "for a field emission display panel" (claim 1, line 1) of the present invention is a statement of intended use, which does not provide a patentable distinction over the photosensitive element of the prior art which comprises the same layers.


3. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US 6,416,931 (US '931). US '931 discloses a photosensitive element comprising a support film, a thermoplastic resin layer (corresponding to the filing layer of the present invention) on the support film, and a phosphor-containing photosensitive resin composition layer provided on the thermoplastic resin layer, wherein the phosphor-containing photosensitive resin layer comprises a film property imparting polymer, a photopolymerizable unsaturated compound having an ethylenic unsaturated group, a photopolymerization initiator which produces a free radical, and a phosphor. See column 101, lines 53 to column 102, lines 14. The limitation "for a field emission display panel" (claim 1, line 1) of the present invention is a statement of intended use, which does not provide a patentable distinction over the photosensitive element of the prior art which comprises the same layers.

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John A. McPherson whose telephone number is (571) 272-1386. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Huff can be reached on (571) 272-1385. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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